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Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Amendment Transmittal Letter, Amendment and one sheet of replacement drawings was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on February 3, 2006. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is ED164264776US.

Respectfully submitted,

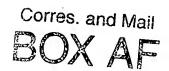
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### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	•	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Number of Extra Claims Present	Х	Rate		Additional Fee
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### AMENDEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the December 5, 2005 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due March 5, 2006 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

- 1. Amendments to the claims; and
- 2. Remarks.